

A RAINY-DAY COSTUME. The dress is of dark blue cloth, the cape is lined with gray moiré, and bands of blue braid are appliquéed on bodice and skirt.

> As a lining fur, chinchilla is supplanting ermine Nothing more exquisitely soft and luxurious can be imagined than this lining, and the handsomest and

Brick red is seen in many fashionable gowns and

wraps in Paris. Trimmed with black cloth strips

or braid, it is at once striking and effective and is said to be serviceable to the last. All shades of brown, tan and castor are also popular in Paris.

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

The Washington Heights Society, Children of

the American Revolution, will meet at Earle Cliff,

Washington Heights, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock to celebrate the anniversary of Washington's farewell to his officers at Fraunces's Tavern in 1783.

The Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Hospital will continue to-day the Thanksgiving festival begun yesterday at Clinton-ave., near Lafayette.

"Life in Paris," a narrative of personal experi-

Chie in Paris, a narrative of personal experience, is the subject upon which Miss Lucy Candler Kellogg will speak this evening at 7:30 o'clock, at Public School No. 50. No. 211 East Twentieth-St. These lectures are of the course of "Free Lectures to the People," and all those delivered at this hall are for women only.

At 11 o'clock this morning the Swami Abheda-

nanda will talk at Mott Memorial Hall, No. 6

Madison-ave., on "Samadhi; or, Superconscious

A doll sale and dance, in aid of the Jewell Day

Nursery, will be held at Sherry's to-day. In the afternoon amusements will be offered for young people, and an informal dance will be held in the evening.

The members of the Professional Woman's

League will meet this evening for their usual

The Women's University Club, which holds its

neetings in Rooms Nos. 1,011 and 1,012, Carnegie

Building, will give its regular monthly afternoon tea to-day, Miss Agnes Reppiler will be a guest. The clubrooms are open every day from 2 o'clock until 9:30 o'clock on weekdays, and until 6 o'clock on Sunday afternoons.

At Belleville, Ill., a number of young women have decided to organize a team for playing foot-

ball. Six have already agreed to join. The

The Junior League, a children's charity for chil-

dren, is preparing a charming holiday entertain-ment, to be given for the benefit of the Messiah

ment, to be given for the benefit of the Messiah Home for Little Children, at Carnegie Lyceum, on Wednesday afternoon, December 25. Carl Marwig is drilling one hundred children in tableaus and dances. "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" will be an especially beautiful feature of the entertainment.

It is said that Mrs. Martin, formerly Victoria Woodhull, will shortly return to America. The death of her husband has left her in possession of

a fortune of many millions, and it is rumored that she will marry again. A Western man of great wealth is declared to be the favored suitor.

All American women who have been abroad dur-

ing the last few years, and who remember with gratitude the delightfully cosey tea room estab-

gratitude the delightfully cossy tea from examilished on the convenient Avenue de l'Opéra, in Paris, by Miss Ruth E. Mitchell, of Kansas, will regret to know that the rooms have been closed for lack of financial support. It was this room, the fashionable 5 o'clock rendezvous for American folk in Paris, which served as a model for the tea rooms established here by Mrs. Lowrey and Miss Wilmerding.

The Half Hour Reading Club of Roseville, Newark, N. J., will hold its regular meeting at 1 o'clock this afternoon, at the home of Miss Kinnard, No. 755 High-st., Newark. Each member of

this club pledges herself to serve a luncheon for twenty guests at a cost not exceeding 5. A fine

of five cents is imposed for every 25 cents over that amount. The menu for this meeting is as follows:

Soup—Tomato bisque.

Baked clams.
Lettuce and olive sandwiches.
French chops, with peas. Celery.
Chicken salad. Hominy croquettes.
Orange baskets.
Cake. Biscuits. Salted almonds.

After the luncheon the members and guests will

adjourn to the parlor for short talks of eight minutes each upon the reading of the last month. Current fiction is excluded, but standard fiction

Prominent members are Mrs. Frederick Bickley

Mrs. Frank Hampton, Miss May and Mrs. Matches. The guest it honors to-day will be Mrs. May Stoner Clay, of Kentucky. The club meets on the last Saturday of every month.

Mrs. J. D. Gardiner, of Dupont, Mo., is president

of the only woman's gun club in the United States and perhaps in the world. She organized the

and its members are all society women who know how to handle a gun. Mrs. Gardiner's dog. Joe Kent, is said to be the best hunting dog in the Southwest. The gun club is called the Ladles' Blue Ribbon Gun Club of St. Louis.

At the recent election of officers of the senior class of Miss Annie Brown's school, the following young

women were chosen: Miss Eleanor Phelps, president

Miss Amy Duncan, vice-president; Miss Maude Crombie, secretary, and Miss Fanny Simpson, treas-

urer. The senior and junior classes exchange social courtesies during the season by giving afternoon teas and visiting the art galleries, etc.

The new officers of the Graduate Club, which has

its rooms at Barnard College, are: Mrs. F. Bryson,

president; Miss Sebrig, late of Teachers' College,

vice-president, and Miss Putnam, secretary. This club numbers about thirty young women, who are taking a post-graduate course at Barnard.

Mrs. Amelia E. Barr is again in New-York, and

will spend the winter at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. She has issued cards for "at home" days on Tues-days.

The Sisterhood of the West End Synagogue are preparing for a Kirmess, to be held at the temple from December 20 to 24. Those taking active part at the different booths will be in costume.

"LITTLE MOTHERS' " FEAST. and India satins and silks. Some of the prettiest crépons and crèpes are brocaded with tiny buds, dots and specks, and on white and delicately tinted grounds beautiful brocadings are shown in tur-

THREE HUNDRED WEARY SOULS FORGET THEIR CARES IN A THANKS-GIVING TREAT.

most expensive wraps for both street and opera wear now show the inside a dainty mass of pale gray chinchilia. ICE-CREAM, CAKE AND CANDY, FOLLOWED BY A "REAL THEATRE"-"MOTHER GOOSE"

WAS THE PLAY.

Three hundred "Little Mothers" were made happy yesterday afternoon by a Thanksgiving treat in Webster Hall. This is an annual event, but never before were the little ones so royally entertained, for in addition to the usual ice-cream and cake with a bag of good things to take home, they had the honor of witnessing the first production in New-York of "Mother Goose and Her Family."
This piece is a bright little musical comedy

Mrs. Anna Robinson, and is performed by the "Little Mothers," with the assistance of the author. who takes the part of Mother Goose. It has al-ready been given in the Little Mothers' Holiday House at Pelham Bay Park, at City Island and at White Plains, with the result that the "Little Mothers" have not only covered themselves with giory, but have raised \$250 for their building fund. The piece is now booked for Yonkers and Fordham, and the "Little Mothers" are open for as many more engagements as the public wants to offer

As the "Little Mothers" are such busy people, their readiness to go on the road may occasion sur-prise, but this is accounted for by the fact that sev-eral separate sets of children have been trained to appear in the operetta, so that when one little se-mother is too busy to take her place in the cast it can be filled by another.

All this means a vast amount of work and in-

finite patience on the part of the association, but the task is not so difficult as might be supposed, for nearly all the "Little Mothers" have sweet voices, and, being children, they take naturally to singing and dancing. Only one of those who appeared yesterday had ever been before an audience, or even on a piatorin, but lew of them showed the slightest symptom of stage fright, and their thor-ough enjoyment of the performance took the place of special histrionic ability. At least such was the opinion of the audience, and it certainly ought to be considered a competent judge of how "Mother Goose" should be performed. The cast was as follows: even on a platform, but few

Effic
Tittle Bo-Peen
Tantos Wassas Shull
Jack
Jill
One of Deeple
Georgie PorgieFrances Hanke
Blue Betty
Miss Moffat
Tommy Spooks
Bassia Brooks Albertina Shoi
Golden Locks
Dandy Charite
Old Woman in a Bucket
Old Woman in a Shoe
Tom, the Piper's Son
Mary Who Had a Little Lamb Amelia Kiefe:
The Queen of the Fairles
The Queen of HeartsCatherine Shuck
The Green of Hearts
King Arthur Bessle Friedman
The Old Bachelor Katy Connel
Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary Kate Gehrleit
The Man in the Moon

The Man in the Moon. Katy Bernold
The actors were all appropriately clad and their
costumes were wonderful to behold. The Man
in the Moon appeared in robes of night spangled
with sliver stars, and the Queen of the Fairies was
a mass of filmy white stuff, with a golden crown
and gauzy wings. King Arthur had a flowing robe
of royal purple and ermine, and Dandy Charlie
was too exquisite for words to do justice to. Mother
Goose was clad in a long white robe and a sweeping scarlet mantle with white geese appliqued
upon it, and wore a peaked hat trimmed with scarlet and further adorned with the figure of a small
red goose.
The opera represents the visit of a little girl
named Effic to Mother Goose's home, where all
the nursery characters are called upon to amuse
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Among the distinguished guests present at the performance was Master Howard Blair, a young man who has just attained the advanced age of two years and ten months. He was in full Highland costume and was the admiration of all beholders. Master Blair is the son of one of the members of the "Little Mothers' Aid Association."

Other people of less importance were Mrs. Alma Calder Johnston, the founder and director of the association; Mrs. Thaddeus Smith, vice-director; Miss Jeanette Oimstead, the superintendent; Mrs. J. G. Brown, Mrs. George A. Hearn, Mrs. F. F. Lane, Miss Mamie Low, Mrs. Easen, Mrs. Charles Wyngate, Mrs. Minnie Blair and Miss Alma Cornell.

WOMAN'S PAGE APPRECIATED.

To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: It is one of my daily comforts to read the de-partment of The Tribune devoted to the interests of the T. S. S. Truly yours, Hackensack, N. J. Mrs. F. G. FOOTE.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I have likened The Tribune Sunshine Society to the scientific X-ray. It pierces into so many sick places and is so capable of applying most healing remedies. Long may your beautiful, God-given "sunshine" be able to comfort, heal and bless the weary ones of earth! Sincerely yours, Connecticut.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The Tribune Sunshine column grows in interest from day to day. Truly yours, W. W. W. Middletown, Conn.

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Your beautiful sunshine work increases in interest, and may it be the means of scattering rays

of happiness into many saddened, suffering lives and hearts, especially those who are "shut in" from the outside world! Yours truly,

Miss C. D. ROSS.

No. 26 Hill-st., Newark, N. J., Nov. 23, 1897.

PRETTY NEW MATERIALS

Short taffeta is the favorite silk for making un derskirts. For every-day skirts moreen and shot mohair are suitable, giving excellent wear, ured silks are much used for shirt waists dressy bodices to be worn with different skirts Fig-

Astrakhan is at present the favorite fur trimming. For ornamenting vests and jackets it is put on in narrow bands, like a fold. A wider band is used for trimming the collar. Next to astrakhan is caracul.

Among the favorite materials for young women's dresses this season are thin broche silks, in cate colors, light, fancy crepons, China crepe CHRISTMAS TREE SOCIETY. A SANTA CLAUS CLAN AND ITS GOOD

WORK CHRISTMAS TIME 'HOGAN'S ALLEY" ONE OF THE MANY TREATS IN STORE FOR THE POOR CHILDREN OF

THE CITY DECEMBER 25. The officers of the Brooklyn Christmas Tree Soclety met yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Hotel Clarendon, Washington and Johnson sts., Brooklyn, for the purpose of getting down to earnest work in regard to the annual Christmas tree to the poor children. This beautiful Christ-mas pleasure for the poor children who are not assisted by charity was instituted six years ago b Mrs. L. Frank Sittig, the president of the society, Between 25,000 and 30,000 little ones, ranging from four to twelve years of age, have been cared for by this lovely Santa Claus Clan, which provides for them every year a day of entertainment that stands out from the other 364 days like a gleam of sunshine in a gray sky. A theatrical performance is usually the piece do resistance on Christmas morning, and this year there will be no exception to the rule. Mr. Kennedy, the manager of the Bijou Theatre, has tendered the building to the society, and the play of "Hogan's Alley" will be presented. The performance will begin at 9 o'clock on Christmas morning.

The chairmen of the various committees are busy securing donations of toys, fruits, candy and such delights for childish natures, and one of the officers announced at the meeting yesterday that she had received between 500 and 1,000 dolls' dresses, aprons and caps. This was greeted with applause, and Mrs. Sittig said it was excellent, and there was only one other thing to be doneget the same number of dollies to go into those dresses and aprons and caps! It is the object of the society to get toys and gifts for the children that are as near alike in quality and appearance as

the society to get toys and gifts for the children that are as near alike in quality and appearance as possible.

"We do not want the little ones comparing their gifts and feeling that one child has a toy that is prettier and larger than another's," said Mrs. Sittig. "We like to receive the playthings in large lots of the same style on that account. If we are to give balls to the boys, we want a ball for each boy. I want as many toy cars and building blocks as I can get, for these give the little ones an especial pleasure. You may say that people may send 'choo-choo' trains and blocks to Mrs. L. Frank Sittig No. 378 Jefferson-ave., Brooklyn, Just as long as they like!"

A large progressive euchre party will be given soon for the benefit of the Christmas tree fund.

A number of the ilckets for the function were on sale yesterday. It is to be a society affair. A feature of the meeting yesterday was the singing of Miss Genevieve Day, accompanied by J. Francis Cooke, M. B. She gave C. B. Hawley's "Because I Love You, Dear," and responded to the encore. There were present yesterday Mrs. L. Frank Sittig, president; Mrs. Frank E. Miller, secretary: Mrs. George Van Nostrand, chairman of the Fruit; Mrs. George Van Nostrand, chairman of the Fruit; Committee; Mrs. Albert A. Day, chairman of the Candy Committee; Mrs. Edgerton, chairman of the Candy Committee; Mrs. Luther Hildreth, Mrs. T. M. Wyett, Mrs. Louise Peore, Miss Orreola Williams and Mrs. George Gough.

Mrs. L. Frank Sittig is the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, with Mrs. Chairms of the Entertainment Committee, with Mrs. Chairms of the Entertainment Committee, with Mrs. Chairms of the Entertainment Committee, with Mrs. Chaires Whitney, assistant chairman, Miss Pearl Whitney is chairman of the Doll Committee, Edwin Knowles is first vice-president of the Society, and Timothy L. Woodruff is second vice-president. There will be another meeting in the Clarendon parlors next Friday afternoon, December 2, at 3 o'clock, and the members and friends of the society

A REAL PRISCILLA ALDEN.

SHE IS ELEVEN YEARS OLD, AND LIVES IN THE ALDEN HOUSE, BUILT IN 1653. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Reading yesterday's Tribune, I find in the notice of the rehearsals for the Carnival of History, to be given by the National Society of New-England Women on November 30, that, "although cendants of the original Priscilla Alden, not one

of them bears the name Priscilla," etc. Now, if the society will go to Old Bridgewater Plymouth County, Mass., eighteen miles from the Rock, they can find a good many more than eigh teen women who are the descendants of John Alden and who bear the name of Alden. They can find one little maid of eleven years who bears the name of Priscilia Alden, and who is the ninth generation from John and Priscilia. She can furnish her "pedigree" through "Mitchell's History of Bridgewater," which has the genealoxy of all the old families of Plymouth Coons, Bridgewater was originally part of the Duxbury plantations, "set off" to Miles Standish, John Alden, Constant Southworth and others. John Alden's sons settled there, and their descendants are numerous. There are a number of John Aldens still living, also descendants of the Standishes, Bradfords, Howlands and Winslows. Respectfully yours, "Priscilla's Uncle." GEORGE T. KEITH. Olean, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1897. teen women who are the descendants of John

To the Editor of The Tribune

Sir: In The Tribune, bearing date of Novemb 24, the statement is made by the society of New-ean distribute literature where it will give both England Women that "there is to be found no de-benefit and pleasure. To reach Van Cortland 24, the statement is made by the society of New-



GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for thee alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears.
Till in heaven the deed appears—
Pass it on. Communications have been received from H. M.

F., Helen Jewett Nichols, Annette Vriene, Bertha Zoe Nichols, A. J. McCoy, Caroline Pratt Rippers, Mrs. J. F. D., S. E. N., Mrs. G. L. Hurd, Albert S. Houghton and Mrs. T. S. Burr.

John Krell, of New-Haven, Conn., sends thanks to Mrs. Manderville and Mrs. Underhill for read-ing matter sent him. Mr. Krell sent to the T. S. S. a package of cancelled stamps and a book; they have been "passed on" to Sunshine members.

The package of papers sent to the Sunshine Soclety by Isabel Shirley, of No. 375 Greene-ave., Brooklyn, has been received. A roll of papers came from Mrs. A. Tuckerman, of Boston.

A MOTHER PASSED AWAY. Miss Irmengard Ferry, of Oneida, N. Y., announces the death of her mother, Mrs. C. M. Ferry, who was a member of the T. S. S. A file of the Woman's Page, which had been kept by of the Woman's Page, which had been kept of Mrs. Ferry, is offered by the daughter to any one who will write her for it. She says her mother was most eager to spread all the sunshine she could, having so greatly enjoyed that which reached her through the kind members of the society. All members of the T.S.S. will sympathize with Miss Ferry in her sorrow. Such bereavement fills the hearts of friends with an added desire to scatter sunshine while it is possible to reach those who are living.

THE LIGHT OF PEACE. When torn and tempest tose'd,
And every hope of life seems lost
Amid the darkening gloom,
What can avert our doom,
What can avert our doom?

Behold, a beacon light, That shines above the darkest night, To lead if we but will, Till storm and sea be still, Till storm and sea be still.

It is of Him divine.
Whose rays on us will ever shine,
If sought of Him in prayer,
Who keeps us by His care,
Who keeps us by His care.

Before Him then we bow,
That He may shine upon us now,
Who caims the wind and wave,
And from the storm doth save,
And from the storm doth save,

How gladsome springs the day, When clouds and darkness flee away, From out the night of fear, And sunshine doth appear, And sunshine doth appear, ROGER H. LYON.

Seventeen little girls of the Rhinelander Kindergarten School have sent contributions of games paper dolls, picture books, poems, etc., to be given to the "Little Mothers" at Christmas time. These thoughtful little girls are welcomed to membership in The Tribune Sunshine Society by the President-General, who hopes that many other fortunate children will be as mindful in scattering sunbeams.

J. Gulick: As Miss Ross is sending The Only J. Gulick: As Miss Ross is sending The Only Woman's Page to Mrs. Curtiss, you may like to send yours to Miss Ellen Tripp, of No. 237 Greenst., Schnectady, N. Y. Miss Tripp is seventy-five years old and has sent word to the President-General that she does not take The Tribune. Miss Madge Cornelius, of La Saile, Col., will appreciate your "Ladies" Home Journal" and Miss Grace Huffsmith, of No. 1,030 Eleventh-st., Greeley, Col., will be pleased to receive "Munsey's." Kindly send your full name and address to the President-General, that your name may be enrolled and a Tribune Sunshine Society badge sent you.

Miss Charlotte A. Clarke, No. 21 First Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is the member who sent the directions for making the invalid's wrap called the "Nightingale."

Will the friend who sent pressed eidelweiss from Zurich, Switzerland, forward her name and ad-The flowers were received in excellent

Will the Sunshine member who wanted the poem, "What Is In Thine Hand, Abel?" send her name and address? The poem has been sent in and will be held until claimed.

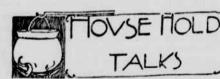
M. H. J., Flushing, L. I.: Send your full name for enrolment. The copy of the poem you inclosed has been "passed on" to Mrs. Burdge.

M. A. H.: The contributions of which you write will entitle you to membership in the T. S. S. You might send the reading matter to Miss Nellie Bact lette, Montague, Mass. She is the new prasi-dent of a large T. S. 3., branch in that town, and



THE ALDEN HOUSE, DUXBURY, MASS. built in 1653, now occupied by the ninth generations of the Aldens. The little girl sitting on the door-step is Priscilla Mullins Alden, named after the first Priscilla.

scendant of Priscilla Alden bearing her name." scendant of Priscilla Alden bearing that there is at least one, although she may be too young to be useful in their Carnival of History. She lives with her mother in the old Alden house, Duxbury, Mass., a child of twelve or thirteen years. I do not know how to address the society, or I should send this to it. Truly yours. S. L. F. Nov. 25, 1897.



HOW TO BOIL AND MASH POTATOES. Mashed potatoes are such a common accompani-ment for roast poultry that it is interesting to know why cooks so frequently fail to send them to the table, as they should be, a mass of snowy lightness,

The reason is not hard to find.

At this season of the year potatoes should be put over the fire in cold water and gradually brought to the boiling point. They should be scrubbed clean with a brush, but they should not be peeled. The cook ordinarily peels her potatoes and puts them over the fire in boiling water. The averaged-size potato cooks in half an hour

The averaged-size potato cooks in half an hour after the water on them begins to boil. They should not be salted until they have begun to boil and are partly cooked. Twelve potatoes require an even tablespoonful of salt added to the water they are boiled in. When the potatoes are done, drain them, peel them quickly, return them to the hot, dry pot they were cooked in, and if they are to be mashed beat, them thoroughly with a wooden potato beetle. This beetle costs 10 cents, and is better for its purpose than any fancy patented beater ever invented. Properly boiled potatoes should fall into a snowy mass at the first blow of the beetle.

Do not add anything to the potatoes until all lumps are beaten out. Do not add cold milk or cream, but to every twelve potatoes add half a cup of hot, but not boiling milk. Do not be sparing of salt. A dozen potatoes which have been boiled in salted water still need an even tablespoonful more when they are mashed. Add a liberal tablespoonful of butter, and whip the potatoes into a light mass with a spoon. The beetle is no longer needed.

Do not smooth the mashed potatoes down in the dish they are served in, but pils them lightly in a well-shaped, rough mass. They are better if they are served at once.

I Park, take the Sixth-ave, elevated road to One-ia hundred-and-fif.y-fifth-st., where connection with trains for the park may be made. Send your full yes name and address, so that a badge may be mailed ry, to you and you may be properly errolled.

Mrs. George A. Price sends the following lines from George Ellot: from George Ellot:
May I reach that purest heaven, be to other souls
The cup of strength in some great agony;
Enkindle generous ardor, feed pure love,
Beget the smiles that have no cruelty—
Be the sweet presence of good diffused,
And in diffusion ever more intense;
So shall I join the choir invisible,
Whose music is the gladness of the world."

Justitia: Your letter has been forwarded to Mrs

KNICKERBOCKER CHAPTER OF D. R.

MEMBERS ENTERTAIN AT TEA OTHER CHAPTERS AND GENERAL OFFICERS. The Knickerbocker Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution entertained the Continental and Colonial chapters and the general officers of the society yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Francis P. Furnald, jr., No. 18 West Forty-sixthst. The guests were received by Mrs. Furnald and Mrs. D. Phœnix Ingraham, Regent of the Knickerbocker Chapter; Miss Marie E. Dow, Mrs. John McWilliam, Mrs. James Davis and Miss Wiswall

assisting. Mrs. Furnald was handsomely attired in black with trimmings of jet and turquoise velvet, and Mrs. Ingraham was in black brocade with cerise

trimmings. The tearoom was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and buff and blue ribbons, the colors of the society, and was presided over by Miss Besof the society, and was presided over by Miss Bessie Fitch, Miss Marguerite Ingraham, Miss Fanny Casey and Miss Margaret Eastman.

Among those present were Mrs. Henry Sanger Snow, president of the General Society; Miss Adeline Sterling, vice-president; Mrs. L. Holbrook, secretary; Miss Waring, treasurer; Mrs. William Child, historian; Mrs. David C. Carr, Rgent of the Colonial Chapter; Mrs. James Clark Abrams, Miss Helen Brown, Mrs. Emmett R. Olcott, Mrs. Alfred Kane Wright, Mrs. Thomas S. Grimki, Mrs. Washburn, Mrs. Lewis C. Norrell, Mrs. Everett Judkins, Mrs. Asher K. Morgan, Mrs. John Peyser and Mrs. Eliza Wilson Scott.

MANY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THIS CITY ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE RE-SULT OF THE APPEAL.

The decision of the Court of Appeals in the Ed-son will case, handed down on Tuesday, affects a large number of public institutions, mainly in this city, which will receive each from the residuary estate one-third less than had originally been ex-pected. The new Cathedral of St. John the Di-vine will be the chief sufferer by the decision, its loss being probably more than \$100,000.

Mary A. Edson died in this city in 1890. In her

will she left to her brother, Marmont B. Edson, one-third of her estate; and to a large number of other persons bequests aggregating several hundred thousand dollars. The residue of her estate she desired to devote to various public institutions, and she designated the executors of her will, John E. she designated the executors of her will, John A. Bartow, as residuary legatees. In the will she said
she was satisfied that her executors would carry
out her wishes in regard to the public bequests,
some of which she specified. Soon after the death
of the testatrix, the three residuary legatees
united in a deed of gift of the residuary estate to Stephen P. Nash, as trustee for the following institutions: St. Luke's Hospital, the Orphans' Home and Asylum of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Society for the Relief of the Destitute Blind, the New-York Sabbath Committee, the Missionary Committee of the Diocese of New-York, Church Mission to Deaf Mutes, the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, the House of Mercy, the Charling Organization Society, the Association for Charity Organization Society, the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the Children's Aid Society, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Italian Mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the New-York Free Circulating Library, St. Luke's Home for Indigent Christian Females, the Sheltering Arms, the Home for Incura-bles and the Woman's Hospital, of this city; the Adirondack Cottage Sanitarium, at Saranac Lake, N. Y.; the American Church Building Fund of the Protestan; Episcopal Church in the United States of America; the Orphans' House and Industrial School of the Holy Saviour, Cooperstown, N. Y .; and the Society of St. Johnland. Marmont B. Edson, Mary A. Edson's brother, to

and the Society of St. Johnland.

Marmont B. Edson, Mary A. Edson's brother, to whom, as already said, she had bequeathed one-third of her entire estate, as her only next of kin, attacked the deed of gift of the residuary estate, under that provision of the law which makes void bequests for charitable uses in case of the death of a testator within sixty days after the signing of the will—Mary A. Edson having died within that period after the making of her last will. Marmont B. Edson died a year or two after his sister, and the action was continued by his widow, Margaret B. Edson, as his executrix. The Appeliate Division of the Supreme Court, in this city, in November, 1996, handed down a decision substantially to the effect that John E. Parsons as a matter of fact had promised Mary A. Edson "to apply the portion of her estate devised and bequeathed to him in accordance with her wishes as expressed in her will," and therefore the trust as to his one-third of the residuary estate failed, but that Messrs. Fairchild and Bartow had had no similar understanding with the testatrix, and the distribution by them of the remaining two-thirds of the residuary estate wald-therefore stand. The Court of Appeals has affirmed the decision of the Appellate Division, practically without change, and Mr. Parsons now holds his one-third of the residuary estate as trustee for the appellant in the case just decided. Marmont B. Edson's widow and executrix, to whom it must be paid.

The value of the residuary estate as a whole will

Edson's widow and executive paid.

The value of the residuary estate as a whole will be about \$1,000,000. By the deed of gift the new Cathedral was to receive one-third of the residuary estate, and the remaining institutions were to share equally with one another the other two-thirds.

Mr. Parsons's firm, Parsons, Shepard & Ogden, and a large number of other attorneys appeared for the will and the several institutions which were beneficiaries under it, and Evarts, Choate & Beaman for Marmont B. Edson, and subsequently his widow.

JAMES C. DUANE'S WILL

The will of James C. Duane, who was one of th Aqueduct Commissioners, was filed for probate in the office of the Surrogate yesterday. The testator leaves all his estate, consisting of personal property valued in the papers at \$71,000, to his widow, Mrs. Harriett W. Duane.

EDUCATORS MEET AT VASSAR.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT A CONVENTION OF COL-LEGE AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 28 (Special).-The Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland is holding its annual convention this year at Vassar College. Over two hundred and fifty delegates and visitors are in attendance. The sessions began this morning in two sections, one for teachers of history, called by Professor H. B. Adams, of Johns Hopkins University:
Professor Lucy M. Salmon, of Vassar College, and
Professor H. Morse Stephens, of Cornell University,
and the other, called by Meivil Dewey, for those
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organizing a league of the so-called small colleges. No conclusion was arrived at in the latter section, and it is to meet again for further discussion. In the history meeting the main attention was given to the order in which historical subjects should be taught in the secondary schools.

The attention of the afternoon session was given to the question, "What is the present consensus of opinion as to the most important problems in preparatory and collegiate education?" Papers were read by President, sharpless of Haverford College and Dr. Sachs, of New-York. President Sharpless maintained that the recent raising of university standards, which might involve increase of age for admission, should lead to efforts to economize time in preparing for the university. This might be done by the proper selection and arrangement of studies, by better teaching and by decreasing the length of vacations. The college should not raise its requirements or adopt university methods, but should form a definite part in our educational system. Dr. Sacns advocated the fixing of limits within which in language studies translation at sight is desirable, the developing of a consistent course of historical study, which can cover general history, and making English, the study to which all others must be subordinate.

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"CINDERELLA" FOR CHARITY.

An elaborate production of the popular fairy oper-etta "Cinderella," with three thousand voices, is to be given at the Metropolitan Opera House during the week December 27 to January 1, in aid of the Seton Hospital for Consumptives, St. John's Day Nursery and St. Ann's Maternity Hospital, which are in charge of the Sisters of Charity and are connected with the New-York Foundling Asylum. All these charities are in need of assistance. The two these charities are in the hospitals need funds to continue their work and the hospitals need funds to continue their work and the children who are left in charge of the Sisters while their mothers attend to their daily work.

The particular features of the performance will be the "Fête of the Peasants" to welcome "Prince Charming" home from a foreign land, in which there will appear the merry milkmaids and gypsies, Neapolitan fishermen and sailors, Castilian toreadors, Spanish dancers, Scotch Highlanders and hornpipers, Burgundy vine dressers, Russian monjikas, Black Forest hunters, Heidelberg students, Polish mazurkas and Swiss Valaislennes, comical clowns and English Maypole dancers; the marches of all nations, by four hundred young girls; the drill of the American Guards, the grand ballet of the roses (white, Marcchal Nell, Jacqueminot and American Beauties) and the sparkling revel of fairles, butterfiles, firefiles, hornets and bumblebees, in which several hundred young women will participate. hospitals need funds to continue their work and the

THE ANNUAL DOLL SALE TO-DAY. The annual doll sale and dance for the benefit of Jewell Day Nursery will be held at Sherry's this afternoon and evening. The children will be amused in the afternoon by performing dogs and monkeys, and in the evening there will be a dance for the young people. The doil table will be in charge of Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, and with her will be Miss Adee. Miss Dimock, Miss Etta Goodrich, Miss Alice Babcock, Miss Elsie Barker, Miss Gertrude Alexander, Miss Jessie Fanshawe, Miss Adelaide Spofford, Miss Salile Barnes, Miss Ursula Lenvitt and Miss Ysabel Cameron. The Russian drawn-work will be soid by Mrs. Theodors Keese and Miss Stewart; the toys and books by Mrs. August Heckscher, Mrs. Joel B. Erhardt and Mrs. F. F. Marbury.

The fancy articles will be in charge of Miss Kate Rogers, assisted by Miss Elsie Brown, Miss Stever, Miss Sylvia Meyers, Miss Anna Jackson, and Miss Lou Porter. The teatable will be presided over by Miss Mary Robbins, Miss Florence Eno and Miss Marie Perkins. The Jack Horner pies and grab-bags will be in charge of Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. F. Egerton Webb and Miss Cora Randolph, Orders for doils for Christmas trees will be taken. afternoon and evening. The children will

MISS BRADLEY MAY NAME BATTLE-SHIP. Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 28.-Following the requests of the Boards of Trade and the Commercial Club of the Boards of Trade and the Commercial Club of Louisville come numerous letters urging Gov-ernor Bradley to appoint his daughter, Miss Christine, who is now in school at Washington, D. C., to name the new battle-ship Kentucky. While it is somewhat embarrassing for the Gov-ernor to confer the honor on a member of his own family, it is quite likely that he will comply with these requests.

DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE TO-DAY. Among the passengers who will sail to-day on the Cunard Line steamship Lucania are Lieutenant the Cunard Line steamship Lucania are Lieutenant and Mrs. R. E. Peary, John H. Starin, William Clark, S. H. Courtney, J. N. Drysdale, Alexander Delmar, E. Fielding Jones, Karl Freitag, Robert Godbody, Walter Giddings, Everett Jerome, F. W. Lockwood, Milton Rothschild, Edgar Romaine, E. Percy Sugden, J. R. Thomas, Floyd Thorn, T. A. R. Whistier and C. A. Williams.

On the French Liner La Champagne will sall to-day J. Patenötre, recently French Ambassador here, who is to represent his country in Spain.

LOSERS BY THE EDSON DECISION. TO BREAK THE FASTING RECORD.

HOW MISS COPPAGE REDUCES FLESH AND SAVES BOARD.

Miss Helen Coppage is going to reduce her flesh again. She has done it three times before, and she thinks that she can do it now harder than ever. Her method of doing it is by going without food. She is not sure just how long she will probably get on without eating this time, but she mentions forty-two days as a reasonable and likely time. Having tried it before, and being on the point of trying it again, she recommends the process to "anybody who would like to do it," as she

says. There is no real reason why Miss Coppage should wish to reduce her weight just now, for her weight is not extravagant. Her real desire this time is to break the fasting record. The re-duction of fiesh will be incidental. Miss Coppage told a Tribune reporter yesterday all about her experiences and her expectations. She is a woman of most preposessing appearance. She is well formed-just now-and a blonde. She weighs, at her ewn estimate, 175 pounds. In answer to a question, she said that she was twenty-seven years old. It was not the Tribune reporter who asked that question, nor would he report the answer had she not shown her willingness about it. Miss Coppage seems, from her manner and her speech, to be a person of refinement, culture and sense. This is the impression produced by her personality, entirely aside from her notions about living with-

Miss Coppage does not complain about the weight of 175 pounds, though she would rather be lighter, but she did object to 209 pounds, which was her weight in 1893. Her doctor, she says, advised her to fast, and she went at it. She fasted for thirty

weight in 18%. Her doctor, she says, advised her to fast, and she went at it. She fasted for thirty days and lost sixty-seven pounds. But she felt so much better after it that her weight climbed straight back and passed its former point, and did not stop until she weighed 250 pounds. Then she fasted again—this was in 1855—and got it down twenty-four pounds in twenty-four days. This did not satisfy her of course, and she tried it again the next year, reducing her weight this time by fifteen and one-helf pounds in fourteen days.

"What made you stop fasting then?" was asked.

"Oh, I thought that I had fasted about long enough," was the reply.

Since then Miss Coppage has not gained flesh as she did before, because she began taking walks in the mountains and riding horseback a good deal. A few persons may be interested to know that she does not ride a bicycle. If it were only a question of reducing flesh, she would not bother to fast again now, but she has become fired with a desire to beat the record, believed to be that of forty-one days, held by Succl, who experimented in this city some years ago. She says that his fast and that of Dr. Tanner were not perfect, like hers. Dr. Tanner, she asserts, took some milk and water after the first four or five days, and Succl took narcotics. She takes absolutely nothing but spring water. Her attempt is to be made in this city as soon as arrangements can be made. The test is to be public, and she wants to be watched all the time.

Miss Coppage says that when she is fasting she sleeps about twelve hours a day. It is therefore obvious that she needs no narcoties. She does not strength much, though she takes no exercise. She timetimes takes a drive, but does not care much for fresh air, as it makes her hungry. When she finishes fasting and gets her strength back she feels wonderfully improved.

MRS. EUGENE COWLES LEFT DESTITUTE.

AN APPLICATION MADE TO THE COURTS TO COM-PEL THE BOSTONIANS' BASSO TO SUPPORT HER.

Mrs. Lizzio V. Cowles, who last September cured an absolute divorce from Justice Stover in the Supreme Court from her husband, Eugene Cowles, the basso of the Bostonians, applied to Justice Smyth in the Supreme Court yesterday to com-pel Cowles to furnish a bond to secure \$1,000 arpel Cowles to furnish a bond to secure \$1,000 arrears of alimony due from him. Cowles was originally directed by Justice Stover to pay his wife \$35 a week permanent alimony and \$10 a week for the support of their son. Eugene P. Cowles, who was placed in her custody, it having been shown that the basso was in receipt of \$150 a week for singing four nights a week.

Counsel for Mrs. Cowles said yesterday that the defendant was singing out of town, and that his wife and child had been left utterly destitute. Unless he was compelled by some means to pay her the alimony awarded her, it was evident he had no intention of obeying the decree of the Court. The case went over until Monday, in order to enable Cowles to reply.

INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. Charles R. Henderson gave a reception yes-Mrs. Charles R. Henderson gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her home, No. 111 East Thirty-first-st., to introduce her daughter, Miss Janet Louise Henderson, who wore a gown of white sitk, with a waist of white, with trimmings of pink velvet and embroidered in pink and gold. Assisting the debutante in receiving were Miss Dorothy Schleffelin, Miss Ethel Iselin, Miss Daisy Hollins, Miss Mazie Delafield, Miss Edith Martin, Miss Marion Whittaker, Miss Alie Colgate, Miss Cornella Clarkson, Miss Ethel Port, Miss Frances Howland, Miss Marion McKeever, Miss Christine Biddle, Miss Dorothea Miller, Miss Rosalle Floyd, Miss Elsie Sands and Miss Annie Alexandre.

Mr. and Mrs. Denning Duer, of New-Haven, Conn. announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alice Duer, to George Xavier McLanahan, of Washington, D. C., who was graduated from Yale University last year, and is at present a law student at Harvard. Miss Duer was introduced to New-York society at a dance given at Sherry's two years ago.

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front, the backs of which are cut exactly as is the outside. The yoke portions of surah, striped with narrow black velvet, are faced on to the lining to the depth indicated. The full portion is applied, the fulness arranged in gathers at the waist and the pointed edges finished with two bands of velvet. The sleeves are two-samed and fit snugly well above the elbow, but show slight puffs at the shoulders, which support the full epaulettes.

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To make this costume for a girl of twelve years

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